

Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

October 20, 2004

Ms. Alva E. Smith Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

HAND DELIVERED

Dear Ms. Smith:

RE: MUR 5546

Attached please find Republican National Committee Treasurer Mike Retzer's Statement of Designation of Counsel. In addition, the Republican National Committee and Mike Retzer (collectively "RNC") hereby request a thirty (30) day extension of time to reply to this MUR. This MUR arrived at approximately the same time as notification of three other MURs filed against the Republican National Committee and Mike Retzer and within three weeks of Federal Election Day. It would be extraordinarily burdensome for the RNC to respond to these four MURs within weeks of the Presidential and major Federal and non-Federal elections. To ensure the completeness of our response we therefore respectfully request an extension of time.

Please do no hesitate to contact me if there is any information that I can clarify for you. We look forward to a prompt resolution of this matter.

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Charles R. Spies

Election Law Counsel

Enclosure

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR: 5546

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The above-named individuals are hereby designated as my counsels and are authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Date: October 19, 2004

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Mike Retzer

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